Physical Cultura: 7-2 C Physical Culture and Self-Defense

By Robert Fitzsimmons, Champlen Middle-Weight Fighter of the World; Champlen Heavy-Weight Fighter of the World, 1897-1899; Instructor and Lecturer on Physical Culture.

HOW TO BREATHE, Sometime ago I received the following communication:

"Mr. Robert Fitzelmmons New York: Mr. Robert Fitzelmmons New York:
"Dear Sir-i am a teacher of boys and first from twelve to fifteen years of age. a incentive to physical culture, I beeve no name could make such an impossion as that of Robert Fitzsimmons, ould you suggest some exercises to be sed about fifteen or twenty minutes killy in the school room—exercises that ould tend toward a good carriage of a body, with good chest and limb designment?

Very respectfully, "MARY BRUCE HENDERSON."
was glad to reply to the letter printabove, and suggested several exers which, if faithfully used, would
efft not only boys and girls, but



grown-up men and women as well. Before describing the exercises it may be said that their value in developing muscle cannot be overrated.

There is an unfortunate tendency in these modern athletic times to turn boys and girls loose in symmasiums and allow them to exercise without any competent director. As a consequence many a boy makes impossible the very thing he sims to attain—a fine physique. He develops some part of his body disproportionately to the rest, and becomes muscle-bound before he reaches manhood, or he subjects his immature body to some violent exercise that results in a strain from which he may never fully recover.

Do not think that you must have



Breathing Exercise, First Position-Work Arms Forward and Back, Filling Lungs.

dumb-bells, Indian clubs, dumb-bells, indian clus, or pulley weights to get strong. Let every boy remember, for this should appeal especially to boys, that some of the stronges men in the world have developed their great physical power without the aid of gymnastic paraphernalia of any kind, but simippy by such exercises as I will explain.

explain.

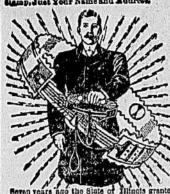
Some years ago such a man rode from New York to Chicago on a bloycle. He took the ride merely for pleasure, and had no reputation as a cyclist, yet so great was his strength and endurance—gained by simple exercises—that he broke the record then existing for the journey.

Let every boy who reads this try the exercises, here clucked, and he will feel that they are doing him good. He

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Bell Free Breathing Exercise, Sixth Position—Fill the Lungs, Then Draw in Abdomen, and Prepare to Lift Joined Hands Above the Head, mike a horizontal line with your shoulder Then bring them forward in front, reaching out as far as you can so as to pull the rest of the body rigid Next spread back your arms with a slow, gentle motion as far as you can—do not left them the best which Fig. Since So Energy Wonder and Company Wonder



will secure an erect, easy, graceful car-riage, cover his body with firm, pliable muscles, and prepare himself for the hard training necessary for the violent exer-



Breathing Exercise, Second Position-Working Arms Up and Down Above the Head, with Filled Lungs.

door sports.

How to Etand—Stand up against a wall with your arms by your sides, your hoels, choulders and head touching the wall. Draw in your abdomen. Hold your head crock, with the chin well in, so that when you look straight ahead your glance strikes the floor about lifteen or twenty feet in front of you. Take several steps forward and stand with your



heels together. You are now ready for the first exercise. Exercise 1 Lift your arms until they



Breathing Exercise, Fifth Position Force Air in Lungs by Pressing Out Abdomen.

possible. Do this ten times. Then grop

In both these exercises be careful that



Breathing Exercise, Sixth Position-Fill the Lungs, Then Draw in Abdomen, and Prepare to Lift Joined Hands Above the Head.

you breaths as directed, and hold your body, except the arms and shoulders, as in the standing position. These exer-cises will develop the muscles of your back, chest and shoulders and will inback, chest and shoulders and will in-crease your lung capacity greatly in a short time.

Exercise 2. Place the hands on the hips. Bend to the right as far as possible; then bend back again and to the left as far as you can. Do this twenty times.



Breathing Exercise, Seventh Position -Punching from Side to Side with Filled Lungs.

belt line, finger tips touching. Draw in air, pressing out abdomen at the same



Breathing Exercise, Back View Posi-tion Seven, Showing the Muscles of the Back While Punching from Side to Side During Vigorous Respira-

lime. This exercise fills all parts of the Exercise 6. Place hands as in exercise 6. Draw in 2 full breath, contract muscles of abdomen and slowly raise joined

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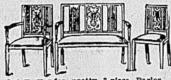
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nands above the head, pushing up as

Exercise '7. Place the feet apart, raise

breathing deeply, turn the body from

portion of the body, will develop the back

In all these exercises care must be

taken to breathe naturally. Reep the

lower part of the body as near as possi-

8 develops the muscles of the side and

loins and exercise 4 is one of the best exercises for the back, the muscles along the back of the legs, and especially the abdominal muscles, which are among the most important to an athlete and a strong man.

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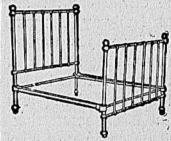
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